

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6235

AS OF JANUARY 31, 1992

Brief Description: Concerning the eligibility of applicants for electrician examinations.

SPONSORS: Senator Owen

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Staff: Forrest Bathurst (786-7429)

Hearing Dates: February 6, 1992

BACKGROUND:

Current law prohibits applicants from taking the examination for a journeyman electrician certificate unless they are able to document: 1) a minimum of four years of fulltime work experience in the electrical construction trade, and 2) that two of the four years of work experience are in industrial or commercial electrical installation under the direct supervision of a journeyman electrician certified by the state of Washington's Department of Labor and Industries.

Two years of an applicant's four years of work experience may be in any electrical specialty provided it was under the direct supervision of a journeyman electrician or a specialty electrician certified by Washington State.

An applicant may substitute the successful completion of an apprenticeship program approved under Chapter 49.04 RCW for two years of specialty work experience if the applicant cannot provide documentation that he or she meets the specialty work experience requirement.

The Department of Labor and Industries is prevented under current law from allowing federal nonmilitary electricians to take the examination for the journeyman certificate. However, current law does provide that the department may allow electricians receiving their training in the electrical construction trade in the armed services to take the journeyman examination.

SUMMARY:

An applicant receiving his or her training or work experience in an electrical trade as an employee of the federal government may take the journeyman electricians examination if they have successfully completed a federally administered four year apprenticeship program in the electrical construction trade.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: requested January 30, 1992